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**Project** 

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## Dear Juliana Lucchesi:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) dated July 6, 2022, and the Initial Study dated July 2022 for the Yreka Travel Center and Hotel Development project (Project). As a trustee for the State's fish and wildlife resources, the Department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and their habitat. As a responsible agency, the Department administers the California Endangered Species Act and other provisions of the Fish and Game Code that conserve the State's fish and wildlife public trust resources. The Department offers the following comments on this Project in our role as a trustee and responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, California Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.

The Project, as described in the NOP, will be completed in two phases. Phase I is a travel center consisting of a 12,300-square-foot building housing a convenience store, a food hall, and a retail shop open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Phase II is a 70-room, three-story hotel with parking. The Project is located at 717, 727, 737, and 747 Montague Road (State Highway 3) in the City of Yreka on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 059-642-350, -360, -370, and -380.

Biological surveys have been completed by ECORP Consulting, Inc. but were not included during the NOP review period. The Department looks forward to reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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